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BANGOR WATER DISTRICT  
Request for Exemption from the  
Provision in Chapter 86, Section  
7(B), Regarding Collection Charges  
for Nonresidential Customers

ORDER APPROVING REQUEST  
FOR EXEMPTION

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT, Commissioner

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#### SUMMARY OF DECISION

In this Order, we approve Bangor Water District's (District) request for exemption from a provision in Chapter 86, Section 7(B), so that the trip collection fees charged to nonresidential customers will be consistent with the collection fees allowed for residential customers.

#### DISCUSSION

Chapter 81, Residential Utility Service Standards for Credit and Collection Programs, Section 10(C)(2)(b), allows a utility to charge a reasonable fee which "must not exceed \$10.00 or the utility's reconnection fee, whichever is less." Chapter 86, Disconnection and Deposit Regulations for Nonresidential Utility Service, Section 7(B), allows a utility to charge "an amount not to exceed \$5.00" under the same circumstances.

On May 13, 1998, Bangor Water District filed a request for exemption from the provisions of Chapter 86, Section 7(B) in order to charge the same fee for both residential and nonresidential customers.

We agree that the collection fee for residential and nonresidential customers should be consistent and will allow the District to charge both nonresidential and residential customers a collection fee of \$10.00.

Accordingly, we

O R D E R

That Bangor Water District's request for exemption from Chapter 86, §7(B), that will allow the District to charge nonresidential customers a collection fee that is consistent with the fee for residential customers is hereby granted.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 13th day of August, 1998.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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DENNIS L. KESCHL  
ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: WELCH  
NUGENT

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